



Imogene Neas Freman

July 8, 1927 - June 7, 2020

Imogene Neas Freeman, age 92, of Newport, passed away Sunday, June 7, 2020.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Paul Freeman; daughter, Regenia Freeman Mason; parents, Leo and Suella (Freshour) Neas, and brothers, James and Fred Neas.

She is survived by her son-in-law, Charles Mason, Sr.; sister, Barbara Neas Davis; grandson, Charles Mason, Jr., great-grandson, Jackson Mason; niece, Tracey Echelbacher and family, and nephew, Brent Davis. She is also survived by her cousin Norma Jean (Fred) Myers, and her sisters-in-law and other relatives of the Neas, Freshour and Freeman families. Imogene also leaves her beloved and constant companion, her cat Smoky.

Imogene graduated from Parrottsville High School and attended East Tennessee State College for two years. She began her teaching career at Baltimore and Long Creek one room school. In 1947, she married Paul Freeman. When Paul finished his navy tour, he joined his father in the furniture business. The couple lived first in White Pine and later moved to Newport.

Imogene became a stay-at-home mom to their daughter Regenia. Later, Imogene returned to college and obtained her Bachelor's degree in Education from Carson-Newman College. She taught at Northport Elementary School and later served as principal for a year, Imogene finished her teaching career at Edgemont Elementary.

Imogene was an active member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, the Cocke County Retired Teachers and the DAR. She served on the Newport Grammar School Board of Education and was chairman for a term. She also was an active member of the First Baptist Church working primarily with the youth and college-age students. Later, she became chairperson of the church ushers committee. Imogene assisted many brides as their wedding director, and she also planned and catered various receptions with her friends, Etholeen Burchette and Elizabeth Hurst. In addition to her church and community activities, Imogene loved gardening and her farm. She enjoyed tending to her irises at her home or her day lilies on the farm. Imogene could be found headed to her Happy Hollow farm to check on her cattle even in her later years.

The family would like to say a special thank you to her caregivers: Sue Crum, Grace Greenway and Marcy Hook for their excellent care of Imogene. They are also indebted to Tammy and "Jabo" Francis and to Smoky Mountain Hospice for the attention they gave to Imogene's needs. Additionally, they are appreciative of the kindness of the Wellington Manor staff this week.

In light of Covid-19 guidelines, family and friends may come by Manes Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm to sign the guest register. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at Union Cemetery with Dr. Rich Lloyd officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial be made to the Regenia Mason Memorial Music Scholarship Fund. Donations may be mailed to Cocke County Education Foundation, % Tommy Bible, JCCUD, 122 Highway 25 E, Newport, TN 37821.

Family and friends may sign the guest register at: www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home

Previous Events

Drop By and Sign Register Book

JUN **9**. 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Inc.
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821
(423) 623-6952
manesfuneralhome@bellsouth.net
<https://www.manesfuneralhome.com/index.cfm>

Graveside

JUN **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Union Cemetery Inc
420 Mineral St
Newport, TN 37821-3900
(423) 623-6918

Tribute Wall



“ *Imogene Neas Freman*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *I'm so very sorry to hear of the passing of such a wonderful lady. She will be missed. I had much admiration of her.*
Diana Ellison Hayes

Diana Hayes - June 14, 2020 at 06:03 PM



“ *Sorry for the family's loss. Have many fond memories of Imogene , grew up in church with her influence & later waiting on her at the bank . Prayers for the family*

Liz McNabb - June 12, 2020 at 09:36 AM



“ *Our prayers to the family.*
Mrs. Etholeen Burchette
Dan and Gail Burchette

Gail Burchette - June 10, 2020 at 09:52 PM



“ *Love and Hugs to the family. She was a wonderful lady. We are sorry for your loss. Charlene and Lanny*

Charlene and Lanny - June 10, 2020 at 01:12 PM

TR

“ Our sympathies to the family in this difficult time. Tom and Linda Rosberg Del Rio, Tn

tom rosberg - June 10, 2020 at 11:10 AM

DG

“ Imogene's sweet spirit and wonderful laugh will be missed. She was my Mother's (Virginia Robeson Davis) classmate and dear friend.

What a dear little sister you were Barbara.

Donna Davis Greeson

Donna Davis Greeson - June 10, 2020 at 10:37 AM

NG

“ With deepest sympathy...the family is in our thoughts and prayers during this time.

-Bill and Nellie Gregg



Nellie Gregg - June 10, 2020 at 09:52 AM

BB

“ I am so very sorry! Imogene was so special and kind. She will be missed!

Brooke (Fullington) Boggs

Brooke Boggs - June 10, 2020 at 08:24 AM

TM

“ So sorry for your loss she was such a amazing teacher when I had her in school she will be deeply missed rip



tena mantooth - June 09, 2020 at 11:26 PM

ML

“ I’m so sorry for your loss if Imogene. She was always so cheerful and kind. When my daughters were young and involved in music, she and Regina would prepare luncheons for certain meetings. I would help the two of them prepare the luncheons and we would have the best time. She shared some of her great recipes with me which I have made many times. She was such a joy to be around. She will be missed by all who knew her.



Mary Lindsey - June 09, 2020 at 10:23 PM

BC

“ Our thoughts and prayers for the family and all those who knew and loved Imogene.
Bettye and Carl Jay Carver, Jr.

Bettye Carver - June 09, 2020 at 09:15 PM

RF

“ Sorry for your loss.....you caregivers were very loyal....

Ray Fancher - June 09, 2020 at 09:00 PM

GW

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. We will all miss Miss Freeman. She was such a blessing to so many people. We will always be thankful and grateful for the way she helped us with Tennessee Picnic pageants. My prayers of comfort are with you all.
Gail Woods

Gail Woods - June 09, 2020 at 08:20 PM

JC

“ With deepest sympathy...
I will always be grateful for Imogene's help with the birthday parties for my mother. She was talented in so many ways.
Jan Carpenter

Jan Carpenter - June 09, 2020 at 05:53 PM

CW

“ We are sorry to hear about Imogene passing. Always a pleasure to talk to her. Rest in peace

charlie and lana williamson - June 09, 2020 at 05:39 PM

LG

“ Imogene was a wonderful lady. She will be missed. Prayers for the family. May God bless you at this time.

Lynda Gray - June 09, 2020 at 04:47 PM

TF

“ During your time of sorrow, may you know you are in God's arms and our Prayers.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matt 5:4
With Heartfelt Deepest Sympathy,
Tammy & Jabo Francis

Tammy Francis - June 09, 2020 at 04:42 PM

TC

“ I had Mrs. Freeman as a teacher at Edgemont Elementary. She was a great one! She left a lasting memory of her teaching on me for going on 50 years. My deepest condolences.

Todd Cummings - June 09, 2020 at 04:21 PM

LH

“ Mrs Freeman was my 8th grade teacher. I admired her so much and have often thought about her.

She was truly my favorite teacher. She was so fair and equal to each student. She was one beautiful and classy lady. I seen her many years ago and she was just a beautiful as I remembered in school. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.



Lois Higginbotham - June 09, 2020 at 04:02 PM

AW

“ Sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you. She was such a sweet lady. Always had a smile for you.

Ann Woody - June 09, 2020 at 03:37 PM

PB

“ A sweet, kind lady that loved her animals and her beloved cat-Smoky. Will never forget her smile and how her face lit up when talking about him. Prayers, peace and comfort for the family.

Paula Bearden - June 09, 2020 at 02:50 PM

CR

“ So sorry for your loss prayers for all Cookie Ramsey



Cookie Ramsey - June 09, 2020 at 02:27 PM

MC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all, she was a wonderful lady.



Marty Coakley - June 09, 2020 at 01:52 PM

BE

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to the family during the time of loss. I never had her as a teacher at Edgemont School, but I do remember her slinging her paddle around during bus duty in the gym. She meant business when she was there, and everyone knew to be quiet and respectful when she walked through the gym doors. This is my best memory of Mrs. Freeman.

Benjamin Evans - June 09, 2020 at 01:45 PM

LD

“ Our deepest condolences for your loss. The last time I saw Imogene was at the funeral home, saying goodbye to Regina. We reminisced about Newport Theatre Guild and the late Bob Mooty . I have many past memories with Imogene and Regina both. God Bless!



Matthew 5:4

*Sincerely,
Linda & Bud Dawson*

Linda Dawson - June 09, 2020 at 01:40 PM

CG

“ Sorry to hear about Ms Imogene, she was such a sweet and kind lady. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.
Curt and Ronda Gribble

Curt & Ronda Gribble - June 09, 2020 at 01:09 PM

TM

“ My prayers for your loss she was my favorite teacher she was a wonderful teacher and person she will be forever missed by all who had her as a student

trayce Mantooth Mooneyham - June 09, 2020 at 12:06 PM

SH

“ Sandy Hurley lit a candle in memory of Imogene Neas Freman



Sandy Hurley - June 09, 2020 at 11:45 AM

SH

“ Barbara I'm so sorry about the loss of your precious sister Imogene. Prayers for you and ur family Heaven has another beautiful angel.

Sandy Hurley - June 09, 2020 at 11:42 AM

GF

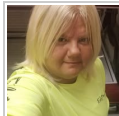
“ Imogene was such a good influence for those of us in the neighborhood. What fun we had!, Thoughts, prayers, & hugs to the family!
Ginni Walker Foust.

Ginni Walker Foust - June 09, 2020 at 11:42 AM

CS

“ So sorry for your loss. She was an amazing person and had a way of always making me smile and feel special each time I saw her. Her inspiration and love during difficult times truly lifted my spirits and drive. She will be missed.

Charlotte Parks Sherman - June 09, 2020 at 11:35 AM



So sorry for the loss of your loved one. I loved her to pieces she was a wonderful teacher and person in general

Linda Beach - June 09, 2020 at 01:44 PM

BK

“ *My condolences for your family. She was a great neighbor and friend. So sorry for your loss.*
Betty Jean Kilgore And Family

Betty Jean Kilgore - June 09, 2020 at 11:29 AM

MC

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.*

Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman

Mary Chrisman - June 09, 2020 at 09:54 AM

AP

“ *We have lost a great lady. My history with Imogene and the Neas family goes back to my entire life. Our families attended church together and her first year teaching school I one of her students. I will miss being able to see her.*
Auldon Parks

Auldon Parks - June 09, 2020 at 09:14 AM

PM

“ *She was such a sweet lady My prayers for all the family. God blessed her with a long productive life.*

pam moore - June 09, 2020 at 08:58 AM

SB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Imogene directed my wedding and was always so sweet whenever we saw her.*

Sandy Bradshaw - June 09, 2020 at 08:11 AM

ES

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you with many happy memories of your loved one.

Earlene,Claude, and Julie Strange - June 09, 2020 at 08:03 AM

WC

“ My deepest condolences. This woman is the reason I decided to go to college.

Wilma Clevenger - June 09, 2020 at 12:31 AM

TM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss she was a very sweet and kind lady

Tara Martin - June 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ My deepest condolences to the family. I loved Mrs Freeman and have so many memories of her as my teacher. Never an unkind word and always the epitome of grace and elegance. The world is a much sadder place today.

Trayce Williams Smith - June 08, 2020 at 11:52 PM

LB

“ Ms. Freeman was a wonderful person and teacher ,she taught my children at Edgemont.so sorry for your loss .Thoughts and prayers for the family .God bless you all .
Bobby,Linda Blair,

linda blair - June 08, 2020 at 10:28 PM

FB

“ Praying for comfort for the family during this sad time. Love to each of you.

Faye Brooks - June 08, 2020 at 10:11 PM

SB

“ Sheila Manning Burnett lit a candle in memory of Imogene Neas Freman



Sheila Manning Burnett - June 08, 2020 at 10:07 PM

KA

“ Charles And Family , So Sorry About The Passing Of Imogene . She Is Now With Her Sweet Regenia ! Love You All ❤️❤️❤️❤️🙏
🙏



Kermit And Imogene Andrews - June 08, 2020 at 10:06 PM

AF

“ I have so many memories of this wonderful lady. She was my wedding coordinator, and our families have eaten many Christmas breakfast together over the years. One time she wanted me to hp set out tobacco on her farm. We had the best time that day. We rode the setter from daylight til dark. She was always so funny and comical. I can here her say "Now Angel" as she would tell me a story. She will be missed but I am sure there was great singing by Regenia as she entered heaven. Love and prayers

Angel Fowler - June 08, 2020 at 10:06 PM

LH

“ Prayers!



Louise and Jimmy Hux - June 08, 2020 at 09:56 PM

JS

“ So sorry for your loss, prayers

John and Lisa Large Stewart - June 08, 2020 at 09:53 PM

DF

“ So sorry for your loss, prayers

Don and Ella Mae Large and family - June 08, 2020 at 09:52 PM

AT

“ She was an awesome teacher to all of us who were lucky enough to be her students . RIP beautiful lady.



Angie Epley Turner - June 08, 2020 at 09:46 PM

CB

“ Prayers for the precious loss of Imogene, Connie & I have had the honor of knowing & working with her for many years. Imogene was a beautiful lady inside & out.

Connie & Marsha Ball - June 08, 2020 at 09:33 PM

RF

“ *Mrs. Freeman was such a special lady. She was my teacher at Edgemont. Loved her dearly. I will miss her.*

Prayers for the family

Rhonda Ford - June 08, 2020 at 06:58 PM